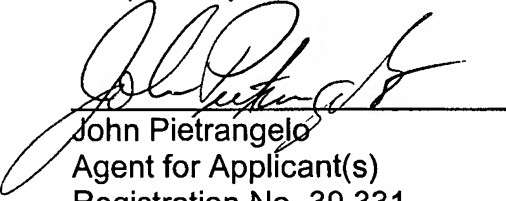


Remarks

The applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments, and consideration of the application, as amended. By this Preliminary Amendment, the applicant has simply replaced the as-filed informal drawings with formal drawings. An early and favorable action on the merits of the application is requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned agent invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

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